

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

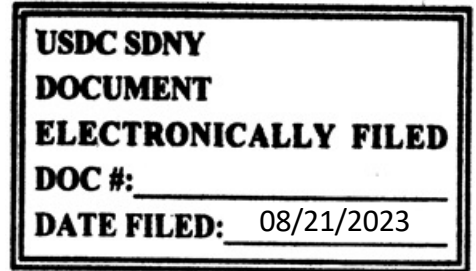
Dana Escoffier,

Plaintiff,

-against-

Whole Foods Market Group, Inc.,

Defendant.



1:22-cv-06588 (AS) (SDA)

ORDER

STEWART D. AARON, UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE:

Following a telephone conference with the parties today, and for the reasons stated on the record, it is hereby ORDERED, as follows:

1. No later than Monday, August 28, 2023, Plaintiff shall serve upon Defendant either (a) notices of oral deposition¹ for Justin Ortiz, Yoichi Tsuchimochi and the Defendant's Rule 30(b)(6) Loss Prevention Witness,² or (b) written deposition questions, pursuant to Rule 31 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to be answered by these same witnesses under oath.³
2. On Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., Plaintiff shall appear for his in-person deposition at Veritext, 7 Times Square, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10036.
3. No later than Tuesday, September 5, 2023, Defendant shall provide to Plaintiff the names and addresses for the individuals in the altercation video described by

¹ Any notices of deposition shall set forth a time and place for each deposition to be held.

² The person identified by the Court in today's conference as the "Rule 30(b)(6) Loss Prevention Witness" is a representative of Whole Foods designated to provide oral or written testimony regarding the altercation video supplied by Whole Foods to Plaintiff.

³ Plaintiff shall be permitted to ask oral questions to these witnesses during depositions or to serve written deposition questions for them to answer, but not both.

Plaintiff as (a) “the woman with the broom,” (b) “the stout individual of color,” and (c) “the crouching man.”⁴

4. Defendant’s request for a “so ordered” deposition subpoena for Jessica Nunez (see ECF No. 40) is GRANTED. The subpoena is attached to this Order. Plaintiff is encouraged to facilitate having Ms. Nunez appear for her deposition on September 26, 2023, at the location set forth in the subpoena. In the event that, despite diligent efforts, Defendant is unable to take deposition testimony from Ms. Nunez, then Plaintiff shall be precluded from offering Ms. Nunez’s testimony in the prosecution of this action.
5. The deadline for the completion of all discovery is extended to Monday, November 6, 2023. Any further extensions of this deadline shall be granted only for good cause shown and shall be limited to specific discovery that could not be completed despite diligent efforts.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
August 21, 2023



STEWART D. AARON
United States Magistrate Judge

⁴ Defendant shall use its best efforts to provide names and addresses for all three individuals. If Defendant is unable to provide such information for any witness, Defendant shall state in detail in a letter to Plaintiff the efforts made to obtain the information.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

for the

Southern District of New York



Dana Escoffier

Plaintiff

v.

Whole Foods Market Group, Inc.

Defendant

Civil Action No. 1:22-cv-06588 (PAE)(SDA)

SUBPOENA TO TESTIFY AT A DEPOSITION IN A CIVIL ACTION

To:

Ms. Jessica Nunez, 132 Ninth Avenue, Apt. 3F, New York, NY 10011

(Name of person to whom this subpoena is directed)

☒ **Testimony:** YOU ARE COMMANDED to appear at the time, date, and place set forth below to testify at a deposition to be taken in this civil action. If you are an organization, you must promptly confer in good faith with the party serving this subpoena about the following matters, or those set forth in an attachment, and you must designate one or more officers, directors, or managing agents, or designate other persons who consent to testify on your behalf about these matters: All relevant facts and circumstances in connection with the occurrence complained of by Dana Escoffier, including questions of injuries, treatment and complaints made by Dana Escoffier.

Place: Veritext, 7 Times Square, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10036

Date and Time:

09/26/2023 10:00 am

The deposition will be recorded by this method: in-person testimony before certified stenographer

☒ **Production:** You, or your representatives, must also bring with you to the deposition the following documents, electronically stored information, or objects, and must permit inspection, copying, testing, or sampling of the material: Any and all documents and physical evidence concerning the occurrence complained of by Dana Escoffier in connection to the lawsuit herein, including questions of injuries, treatment and complaints made by Dana Escoffier.

The following provisions of Fed. R. Civ. P. 45 are attached – Rule 45(c), relating to the place of compliance; Rule 45(d), relating to your protection as a person subject to a subpoena; and Rule 45(e) and (g), relating to your duty to respond to this subpoena and the potential consequences of not doing so.

SO ORDERED.

Date: 08/21/2023

CLERK OF COURT

OR

Hon. Stewart D. Aaron
U.S. Magistrate Judge

Signature of Clerk or Deputy Clerk

Attorney's signature

The name, address, e-mail address, and telephone number of the attorney representing (name of party) Defendant,

Whole Foods Market Group, Inc.

, who issues or requests this subpoena, are:

Peter J. Murano, Esq., Fishman McIntyre Levine Samansky P.C., 521 Fifth Ave., 17th Fl., NY, NY 10175
(212) 461-7190 peter@fishmanmcintyre.com

Notice to the person who issues or requests this subpoena

If this subpoena commands the production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things before trial, a notice and a copy of the subpoena must be served on each party in this case before it is served on the person to whom it is directed. Fed. R. Civ. P. 45(a)(4).

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PROOF OF SERVICE*(This section should not be filed with the court unless required by Fed. R. Civ. P. 45.)*

I received this subpoena for *(name of individual and title, if any)* _____
 on *(date)* _____.

☐ I served the subpoena by delivering a copy to the named individual as follows: _____

 _____ on *(date)* _____; or

☐ I returned the subpoena unexecuted because: _____
 _____.

Unless the subpoena was issued on behalf of the United States, or one of its officers or agents, I have also
 tendered to the witness the fees for one day's attendance, and the mileage allowed by law, in the amount of
 \$ _____.

My fees are \$ _____ for travel and \$ _____ for services, for a total of \$ 0.00.

I declare under penalty of perjury that this information is true.

Date: _____

Server's signature

Printed name and title

Server's address

Additional information regarding attempted service, etc.:

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 45 (c), (d), (e), and (g) (Effective 12/1/13)**(c) Place of Compliance.**

(1) *For a Trial, Hearing, or Deposition.* A subpoena may command a person to attend a trial, hearing, or deposition only as follows:

- (A) within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; or
- (B) within the state where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person, if the person
 - (i) is a party or a party's officer; or
 - (ii) is commanded to attend a trial and would not incur substantial expense.

(2) *For Other Discovery.* A subpoena may command:

- (A) production of documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things at a place within 100 miles of where the person resides, is employed, or regularly transacts business in person; and
- (B) inspection of premises at the premises to be inspected.

(d) Protecting a Person Subject to a Subpoena; Enforcement.

(1) *Avoiding Undue Burden or Expense; Sanctions.* A party or attorney responsible for issuing and serving a subpoena must take reasonable steps to avoid imposing undue burden or expense on a person subject to the subpoena. The court for the district where compliance is required must enforce this duty and impose an appropriate sanction—which may include lost earnings and reasonable attorney's fees—on a party or attorney who fails to comply.

(2) *Command to Produce Materials or Permit Inspection.*

(A) *Appearance Not Required.* A person commanded to produce documents, electronically stored information, or tangible things, or to permit the inspection of premises, need not appear in person at the place of production or inspection unless also commanded to appear for a deposition, hearing, or trial.

(B) *Objections.* A person commanded to produce documents or tangible things or to permit inspection may serve on the party or attorney designated in the subpoena a written objection to inspecting, copying, testing, or sampling any or all of the materials or to inspecting the premises—or to producing electronically stored information in the form or forms requested. The objection must be served before the earlier of the time specified for compliance or 14 days after the subpoena is served. If an objection is made, the following rules apply:

- (i) At any time, on notice to the commanded person, the serving party may move the court for the district where compliance is required for an order compelling production or inspection.
- (ii) These acts may be required only as directed in the order, and the order must protect a person who is neither a party nor a party's officer from significant expense resulting from compliance.

(3) *Quashing or Modifying a Subpoena.*

(A) *When Required.* On timely motion, the court for the district where compliance is required must quash or modify a subpoena that:

- (i) fails to allow a reasonable time to comply;
- (ii) requires a person to comply beyond the geographical limits specified in Rule 45(c);
- (iii) requires disclosure of privileged or other protected matter, if no exception or waiver applies; or
- (iv) subjects a person to undue burden.

(B) *When Permitted.* To protect a person subject to or affected by a subpoena, the court for the district where compliance is required may, on motion, quash or modify the subpoena if it requires:

(i) disclosing a trade secret or other confidential research, development, or commercial information; or

(ii) disclosing an unretained expert's opinion or information that does not describe specific occurrences in dispute and results from the expert's study that was not requested by a party.

(C) *Specifying Conditions as an Alternative.* In the circumstances described in Rule 45(d)(3)(B), the court may, instead of quashing or modifying a subpoena, order appearance or production under specified conditions if the serving party:

- (i) shows a substantial need for the testimony or material that cannot be otherwise met without undue hardship; and
- (ii) ensures that the subpoenaed person will be reasonably compensated.

(e) Duties in Responding to a Subpoena.

(1) *Producing Documents or Electronically Stored Information.* These procedures apply to producing documents or electronically stored information:

(A) *Documents.* A person responding to a subpoena to produce documents must produce them as they are kept in the ordinary course of business or must organize and label them to correspond to the categories in the demand.

(B) *Form for Producing Electronically Stored Information Not Specified.* If a subpoena does not specify a form for producing electronically stored information, the person responding must produce it in a form or forms in which it is ordinarily maintained or in a reasonably usable form or forms.

(C) *Electronically Stored Information Produced in Only One Form.* The person responding need not produce the same electronically stored information in more than one form.

(D) *Inaccessible Electronically Stored Information.* The person responding need not provide discovery of electronically stored information from sources that the person identifies as not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. On motion to compel discovery or for a protective order, the person responding must show that the information is not reasonably accessible because of undue burden or cost. If that showing is made, the court may nonetheless order discovery from such sources if the requesting party shows good cause, considering the limitations of Rule 26(b)(2)(C). The court may specify conditions for the discovery.

(2) *Claiming Privilege or Protection.*

(A) *Information Withheld.* A person withholding subpoenaed information under a claim that it is privileged or subject to protection as trial-preparation material must:

- (i) expressly make the claim; and
- (ii) describe the nature of the withheld documents, communications, or tangible things in a manner that, without revealing information itself privileged or protected, will enable the parties to assess the claim.

(B) *Information Produced.* If information produced in response to a subpoena is subject to a claim of privilege or of protection as trial-preparation material, the person making the claim may notify any party that received the information of the claim and the basis for it. After being notified, a party must promptly return, sequester, or destroy the specified information and any copies it has; must not use or disclose the information until the claim is resolved; must take reasonable steps to retrieve the information if the party disclosed it before being notified; and may promptly present the information under seal to the court for the district where compliance is required for a determination of the claim. The person who produced the information must preserve the information until the claim is resolved.

(g) *Contempt.*

The court for the district where compliance is required—and also, after a motion is transferred, the issuing court—may hold in contempt a person who, having been served, fails without adequate excuse to obey the subpoena or an order related to it.